FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

CHAT ON MATTERS THAT ARE OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Novel and Pretty Idea Recently Introduced in Country Home-The Duties of a Waitress-Serving a Small Formal Dinner.

One woman who has built a country home on a most elaborate plan has introduced many novel ideas in its arrangement and furnishings. She is going to name every guest chamber after a flower, and is carrying out that idea to the smallest detail. Thus the walls of the violet room, which is perhaps the prettiest room of all, are covered with French tapestry in the design of which violets predominate. The drapery on the dressing table is of muslin and lace tied with bunches of violets, and mauve ribbon is chosen to tie the hangings of the bed as well as the curtains. Even a mammoth bottle of violet perfume is not for-

Duties of the Waitress.

The duties of a waitress are manifold. In the majority of homes she is expected to perform all kinds of service. But the proper duties of a waitress, according to authority, are chiefly concerned with the serving of meals. The other duties which she may be called upon to perform vary with the style of living and the number of employes. The dining room and pantry are her special domain and when the laundry is done in the house she has the care of the table linen. In many houses she has also to make the salad dressings, attend to the door and perform such personal service for the family as she may be called upon to do. As a rule, the duties of waitresses or second girl are of a light character and call chiefly for neatness and dispatch, tact and accuracy. As for her personal qualifications, she should always be neatly dressed and preserve a calm and unruffled demeanor.

Serving a Dinner.

In serving a dinner the first course oyster cocktails, or either of these raw, in the half shell, with cracked salted nuts are on the table all the time to be eaten through the meal as desired. Soup comes, then fish, with its sauce, and potatoes in some form; an entree like croquettes, salmi, sweetbreads in shells, etc., may follow, or this course can be omitted, and the roast, such as lamb, beef, etc., follow; two or three vegetables usuwith lamb, etc. If there is a course of fowl or game, it comes next with the salad, such as quail with salad of lettuce, but if the game course is omitted serve a salad with the roast. Dessert, which may be a pudding or only ices, comes; then black coffee, any sort of liquor if wines are taken, and cheese last. "Fruit salad" is a luncheon dish, and so are sandwiches. If salad is made a special course, which it is sometimes at a large dinner, wafers are served with it; nothing else. For a small, dinner the fried chicken may take the place of the game course, and Saratoga chips or potato balls go nicely with it. Do not serve two similar sauces at a dinner; that is, two dishes with white sauce. The cottage cheese balls are more of a luncheon dish, although a salad is sometimes prettily garnished with them, or a dish of tongue in aspic. Always serve cheese the very last, and never serve two salads.

To Clean a Pen.

A raw potato makes the best sort of pen cleaner, though one that must be changed every little while, for obvious reasons. In some mysterious way it cleans the most scratchy, soiled pen and makes it as near like new as the wearing down of the nib allows-far more than one would dream possible.

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